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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended) A cross-linked copolymer based on at least
one cross-linked carboxylic copolymer and a cross-linking agent
having at least two amine functions, each non-cross-linked
polycarboxylic copolymer comprising at least one non-cross-linked
polysaccharide linked by a covalent bond to at least one other non-